

REMARKS

Applicant and his attorney have reviewed the office action dated March 7, 2006 and offer the following argument in response thereto.

The drawings were objected to as containing errors in numerals. Appended to this response are informal drawing sheets showing the proposed amendments responsive to the issue raised by the examiner. Upon approval of these amendments, the applicant will submit corrected drawings reflecting the changes shown on the appended informal drawings.

Claim 10 has been canceled.

The claims were rejected under 35 USC §103 as unpatentable over the Glauning U. S. patent taken in view of the Staub et al. U. S. patent. Applicant respectfully points out that the Glauning patent concerns a “claw pole” type generator having an exciter winding for voltage control and does not at any location in the specification relate to or teach a configuration having rare earth permanent magnets as a part of the structure. Since applicant’s claimed device concerns cooling of rare earth permanent magnets used in a permanent magnet generator device, it is not seen how a prior art device in a wholly non-analogous area could possibly be used as a primary reference to deny patentability. The cooling requirements for a permanent magnet generator are unique and one of ordinary skill in the art would not look to prior art “claw pole” generator teachings to solve the unique problems presented by rare earth permanent magnet generator cooling.

The secondary reference issued to Staub which concerns a motor not a generator, fails to supply this foregoing crucial element. For this reason, it is submitted that the claims are clearly patentable over the prior art of record.

The remaining prior art of record do not contain disclosures which modify the foregoing analysis.

By the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that he has presented claims which are patentable over the prior art and requests that this application be examined again under the provisions of the Manual of Patent Examining proceedings concerning a request for continued examination. Early favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is urged. In the event that the Examiner has any further concerns, Applicant requests a call to Applicant's attorney David L. Garrison at (206) 441-3440.

Respectfully submitted,

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